



FRANCE WON THE DAY.

A Boston Man Disgraces His Native Land, His Friends and Himself.

There were a number of us in one of the London taverns made famous by Dickens, when a great, big fellow slouched in and made himself very disagreeable with his mouth, writes a New York Sun correspondent. One of our party was a man from Boston, and some way or other he and the big man came to exchange words. The first we heard of the row the big man was saying:—

"You Yankees are great on the brag, and that's all you can do."

"Well, I dunno," replied Boston.

"But I do. When did you ever do a blommink, blasted thing?"

"How about 1776?"

"Never heard of it."

"Never heard of it?"

"Did you ever hear of Bunker Hill?"

"I have, sir. That's where 600 red-coats licked the life out of 4,000 bragging Yankees."

"I guess not."

"Not! Does you dare to dispute the Liverpool Kid?"

"You'd better read what history says."

"I have done that ere, you blommink idiot, and it says how all you Yankees run at the first lick! Don't it, now?"

"I never heard that it did."

"Don't it say that?"

"The big fellow had pushed up his sleeves and put up his fists, and it was plain that a row was on hand. He was big enough to eat up two such men as Boston, while he had friends to look out for the rest of us. Our companion therefore took the most prudent course, and acknowledged that history might say so, and probably did say so. This satisfied the big fellow, and he turned away and played at a Frenchman, also a tourist, who had come in later. After a long stare he walked up to Crapo and shouted:

"Blas't your blommink parley vons, but we've licked ye out of yer coots on land and sea!"

"You speak von big lie!" shouted the Frenchman, hot in a minute.

"What! Call the Liverpool Kid a liar to his face?"

"Aye! and I sell now give you von awful long licking!"

"Johnny" got out of his coat in a jiffy, danced around with his hands up, and to our utter astonishment the Kid went right down into his box, and clunk out of the room, having no more pluck than a hen. We sat there for five minutes before any one spoke. Then it was the Boston man, who said:

"Just think of it! I can lick six fellows like that banty Frenchman, and get that big duffer made me swallow two ears for independence and Bunker Hill on top of them!"

JOE DAMON'S PENSION.

Why a Maine Man Considered Himself Entitled to a Share of It.

"I see that Joe Damon has just got a fat pension," remarked an Oxford County man to a Lewiston (Me.) Journal reporter. "I'm glad of it and Joe ought to give me half of it, for if it hadn't been for me he would never have got it."

"How's that, Jim?" asked a bystander; "were you an important witness?"

"No," replied Jim. "You see it was this way. Joe and I both lived in the same Oxford County town when the war broke out, and later on we were both drafted. I was working in the woods at the time for the Sandersons, up on the Magalloway river. It was getting along in March when I received notice of it, and it was then all hurry and dash about the camp, for we knew that shodding would not last much longer, and of course every one was anxious to see the contract closed up as soon as possible.

"When I told the boss that I had been drafted he told me to stick to my job till it was completed, and he would see that I didn't suffer by it. Well, our job was finally finished, and I got home one night after dark. Before morning there was a rap at the door, and in a few minutes I was under arrest, and on my way to Auburn. While riding down there I told my story to the officer who had me in charge, and asked if it was a dead sure thing that I must go to the front. He told me that it looked very much as if I should.

"Several of my townsmen had shipped soon after being drafted, Joe among the rest, and until I appeared the town had lacked one of filling its quota; but he added: 'I would rather see some of these fellows who have tried to run away go into the service than you, and if we can find any of them within a week you may get off.'

"I was put in Auburn jail, and a letter from home a day or two later told me that Joe's wife had let on that he was secreted in an old logging camp. I held my tongue till the last day of the week was uncomfortably near and then I blazed on Joe. The next day he took my place, for the Sandersons had been doing what they could for me, and I got off with a week in Auburn jail.

"Really, I wanted to go into the army, but I had an invalid mother at home who could not bear the thought of my going—and that's the way I helped Joe Damon get his pension."

China's Empress Dowager.

The power of one of the greatest political figures of the day, perhaps of all time is said to be in the wane. The Empress Dowager of China has been shorn of her prestige by the rebellious independence of the young Emperor. He refused to see the bride which she forced upon him and has been issuing vigorous decrees on his own account. He has been censuring the old Ministers right and left, particularly Chang Chi Tung.

WHAT'S THE REASON.

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EDITOR PEMBERTON.

Of the Lehigh Register: "a well known journal, its editor, I consider Furdock Blood Bitter, the best man I have made and would not wish to let it go on any account. It should be kept in every home in the land."

LIAS' WONDERFUL COLT.

The Story of the Trials of an Old Hero Told by a Maine Man.

"Remember the first time that I saw Elias Perkins," said the man from Maine to the New York Tribune. "He was sitting on a fence-rail, whittling a stick. The next time I saw him he was perched on the same rail, and the stick in his left hand seemed to be the same one as before. I saw him many times that summer, and he always sat on the fence, and he always whittled.

"He was one of those pieces of hickory that one meets in my State. He was over sixty years old, but during the winter he could swing an axe with any man in the woods. He never worked in the summer. He had picked up a deal of knowledge somewhere, and his brain was like an iron box, for he never forgot anything which he once got into his head. He would discuss algebra, trigonometry and the classics," as he expressed it, with equal willingness, but, he would add, 'I prefer the old poets; they get down to business without many flourishes.' I have heard him quote Homer by the hundred lines without a break, his long arm making ungainly gestures, and his whitened head bowing with a solemn dignity at the end of each verse. In geometry he would rattle away at any thing, winding up with an impressive 'quad erat demonstrandum.'

"Lias, every body called him, and he was often called upon to act as the final referee in cases of dispute, for it was admitted in that part of the country that 'Lias knew every thing.' But Lias was destined to show his weakness late in life, and the result of it was more severe than years of chopping at pines in the coldest Maine weather.

"It was the second summer of my acquaintance with him that I found him one day, as usual, on the fence, but his knife was not at work as usual on a piece of wood. He was peeping away in an absent-minded fashion at the rail itself.

"I went into the village day before yesterday," said Elias, looking up with a weary look in his faded blue eyes, and I thought about it. I'm going to raise him, and have the finest horse in this township."

"Well, Elias," I said, "what are you going to do with him? What do you need of a horse?"

"I just want to raise him," he answered. "But he's a tough one to handle. I think that's why I want to raise him."

"Two days afterward, when I saw him again, both his knife and whittling stick were gone.

"How's the colt, Elias?" I asked.

"He got up in the hills yesterday, and I was out looking for him all night. He's back now." The old man showed signs of fatigue.

"Perhaps there never was a colt more vicious than Elias," I heard of the animal's capers every day, and it kept Elias continually busy looking after his new pet. But one day I found him back in his old position, looking like himself.

"Where's the colt today?" I asked.

"He's lost," said Elias, with satisfaction, and he quoted some verses to show his submission to fate.

"In three days Elias had gone back to his old friends, the knife and the stick. But on the morning of the fourth day when he got up he found his colt standing at the door of his little house. Henceforth troubles came thick and fast upon the old backwoodsman. His back began to bend over, and nothing could induce him to talk of the old poets. The old man went to pieces rapidly, but he would not give up the colt. This condition of affairs continued until it was difficult for Elias to drag himself around. One night the vicious colt, while jumping a fence, caught one of its legs and broke it. Some one took a ride, and ended the brute's suffering. When I heard of this the next day I called on Elias. He was lying on his bed, with his eyes closed, but there was a supreme look of rest on the yellow face, and a smile of content about the thin lines at the corner of the mouth.

"Elias," I said, "it was too bad about the colt."

"Yes," said the old man, with a smile. "I think I was teaching him a little decency. It was too bad to be disappointed."

"Elias got out again in a few weeks, but he was never able to get back to the woods. He never ceased to tell, however, how he was conquering his colt when the animal was killed. And as time went on the virtues of the brute seemed to grow on Elias, for such a patient, docile, intelligent and wonderful colt as the one described by Elias two years afterward, as he sat on the old fence one evening, man never before heard praised."

A Conscience-Stricken Man.

A sad-eyed man walked into a store in Beloit the other day, says the Janesville Gazette, and, plunking down a \$10 note, tearfully said: "Just four years ago today I stole a \$4 pair of shoes from your store. The matter has been preying on my mind, but my pride prevented me from confessing. I can stand it no longer. Take your pay out of this \$10 bill." The merchant, of course, was delighted to meet such a penitent, contrite soul, and gave the man 26 and he departed with a light heart. The \$10 bill was a very finely-executed counterfeit. The next conscience-stricken individual that presents himself at that store will be thrown into the river with neatness and dispatch.

Miss in the Moon.

Mrs. Madison, a handsome young married woman, said to a San Francisco Examiner man: "One of the strangest things happened a few nights ago. My husband has been very sick, you know, and I have been sitting up with him, so I sleep like a top when my eyes close. Now, there are those two white mice, the loveliest things in the world, but what do you think? The other night they actually chewed a hole in the top of my tidy cap while I was resting, gnawed my hair, which you can see is abundant, and made a splendid nest right on the top of my head. How they did it without awakening me I can't explain, but my husband, sick as he is, suggests that I wear some sort of a helmet at night."

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VARIED AND INTERESTING.

The census-taking in New York has developed the fact that more than sixty languages and dialects are spoken in that city.

There is a family in France named B. one in Belgium named O. a river in Holland called T. a village in Sweden named A. while the most valued bird in the Sandwich Islands is the O-o.

Ten o'clock will not disclose the fact, but twice as many young men and young women between the ages of eighteen and twenty-eight are obliged to wear glasses as were them ten years ago.

Over in Nevada telegraph poles in low places where snow stands in winter, are said to have taken root and are covered with foliage. The poles are removed and were planted with the back on them.

The quails are so numerous and tame in the vicinity of Grass Lake, Wis., that they fly into the village in flocks and sit around on the lawns like robins. The law protecting them lasts ten years more.

A little chicken, which, though healthy and flourishing, will always be fed by human hands, attracts attention in North Plainfield, N. J. The chick half of its bill is rolled back in a constant habit between the eyes. The lower half is natural and perfect.

A collection of glass flowers, made by a West-Prussian by a Dresden firm, and representing all the families of plants in North America, will soon adorn the botanical shelves of Harvard University. Nearly four hundred specimens have already been received, and the collection is very beautiful.

A bottle of soap in Brooklyn has hit upon the ingenious expedient of playing a show-window a handsome boy to show complacency. The lad wears mittens, and so tenacious are the bubbles that he is able to hold them up and down half a dozen times before they burst. The window is usually surrounded by an interested crowd.

A statistical enthusiast has calculated that a pianist, in playing a certain piece, played 5,005 notes in four minutes. The striking of each note involved two movements of the finger and one movement each of the elbow, wrist and arm. From this it is calculated that seventy-two voluntary movements were made per second.

A fish of most peculiar appearance, the like of which has never been seen by any of the many fishermen who have inspected it, was recently exhibited at Pensacola, Fla. It was caught in the Gulf with hook and line, and is about five feet in length. The body is similar to that of a dolphin, and it has a tail like a needle fish. The tail is forked, and has two immense fins rising from the back. They are of a soft, bony substance and are of such peculiar formation that they give the fish the appearance of having a flowing mane. It is a rare fish, and, if possible, should be preserved as a curiosity.

PARAGRAPHIC PLUNDER.

A Grouper editor leads all the papers on the publishing business. It asks its readers to "guess who owes three years' subscriptions, and refuses to pay it in sweet potatoes."

Brown said the other day to an intolerable talker: "I give you the best bit of advice you ever received. Try and go three days without speaking, and when you've succeeded begin over again."

In Bristol, Conn., there is a cat which has become an expert fisher. Its favorite fish is the bullhead, which it secures with its claws, by resorting to a pond in the vicinity and wading along the edge. It sometimes gets into deep water, but rarely comes away without a fish.

To a man tries to make a bet with you that he can live comfortably for one month on a cent, don't take him up; let him bluff you till he gets tired. For the chances are that he will choose for the experiment one of those rare cent-pieces that the numismatists would gladly pay one hundred dollars for.

There is a sadly frivolous Boston young woman who says that her "pa" can turn out barrels more expeditiously than any college, because he doesn't do it by degrees. He begins the graduation exercises at 10 p. m. sharp, and they are always finished at 10:01 sharp by a stop watch.

Seattle: "We've got the biggest Wash in the Union," Jackson. "And we've got the prettiest Miss," Philadelphia. "And we've got the wealthiest Pa," Hot Springs. "But we are the most ancient; we have got the Ark," Bangor. "And what's the matter with Me?" New York. "Hush, children, about your follies; you will make little Chicago III with envy."

It is said in New York that if the "chapple" dog carts are hung much higher they will be able to shake hands with their friends in the second-story windows of Fifth avenue houses, and the branches of the trees in the park will have to be cut. The fashionable height of these vehicles has been carried to the extremes that make one think the demoted have not all expired yet.

A Maine census enumerator called at a house in his district, where the lady of the house was the only one at home properly to his questions. She gave the necessary answers and described her children, when she added, "But I am a second wife, and there were several children by my husband's first wife. Oh, never mind them," said the official, "we don't go back as far as that."

A specialist was called to treat a lady who manifested so much interest in his surgical instruments that he explained their uses to her. "This is a scalpel," said he, "it is fitted with small mirrors and an electric light; the mirror of your throat will be seen by me as clearly as the exterior; you would be surprised to know how far down we can see with an instrument of this kind." The operation over, the lady appeared somewhat agitated. "Poor child," said her sister, "it must have been very painful." "Oh, no," whispered the lady, "but just as he fixed the instrument in place I remembered that I had a hole in my stocking."

THINGS IN GENERAL.

The population of the earth doubles itself in 200 years.

MICHIGAN has paid off a debt of over \$7,000,000 since 1850, and is now free from debt.

There are 200,000 more Germans in New York City than in any second-class city in Germany.

PROPERTY to the value of \$12,000,000 was consumed by fire in the United States during 1899, an increase of \$12,000,000 over the preceding year.

It is estimated that the regular insurance companies of the United States will disburse during 1900 the sum of \$8,000,000 in death, endowment and dividend claims. It is an average of \$1,600 for every minute in the year.

DR. FLINT is quoted as saying: "I have never known a dyspeptic to recover vigorous health who undertook to live after a strictly regulated diet, and I have never known an instance of a healthy person living according to a strictly dietetic system who did not become a dyspeptic."

The postal agent at the place commonly known in this country as Aspinwall has notified the postal department at Washington that "the geographical and official name of this town is Colon."

According to the New Orleans Times-Democrat the census returns from some parishes in Louisiana indicate that the whites are increasing in a greater ratio than the blacks in that State. In Red River Parish, for instance, the increase in the last decade has been whites, 44.2 per cent; negroes, 27.4 per cent.

But few persons who view a passenger train as it goes thundering past have an idea that it represents a cash value of from \$75,000 to \$120,000, but such is the case. The ordinary express trains represent from \$50,000 to \$90,000.

The engine and tender are valued at \$10,500; the baggage car, \$1,000; the postal car, \$2,000; the smoking car, \$5,000; two ordinary passenger cars, \$10,000 each; three palace cars, \$15,000 each; total \$83,000. Many of the trains which pull up to or out from the Grand Central Depot, New York, are worth \$150,000.

A YOUNG New York millionaire, who is called "Eugene Aram" at the clubs, because he sits "remote from all" and mopes, frankly admits that he takes no interest in anything in the world—races, base-ball, yachts and other matters that generally engage the attention of young men in good health like himself, with a great fortune to spend. He got tired of them long ago. "The truth is," he says, "I began life too early. I have been cursed by too much money. I wish I had been born poor. The person of riches has made me unfit for anything but an ornamental spend, less creature. I know my case would not awaken much sympathy, but I tell you sir, it's a hard one."

The Photographic Society of Geneva, Switzerland, has just made an interesting experiment. It has been observed in the case of mature married couples, to see to what extent this facial resemblance prevails. The result, says a London paper, is that twenty-four cases the resemblance in personal appearance of the husband and wife was greater than that of brother and sister; in thirty cases it was equally great; and in only twenty-four, was there a total absence of resemblance.

INDUSTRIAL BRIEVITIES.

The wool clip in the United States for 1899 was 262,000,000 pounds.

In Austria, a petroleum flame is now made to spin 1,500 yards of glass thread per minute, which is used not only for cloth but for chains, brushes, etc.

ABOUT 5,000 barrels per day of crude petroleum are consumed for fuel in Chicago. In the United States the oil for fuel about 500,000 tons of soft coal per annum are supposed to be displaced.

It is stated that at least one-half of the sugar crop of the world is produced from beets. Sugar can be produced from many sources, but beets and the sugar cane give the cheapest sources.

"STRAWBERRY TEA" is the outcome of a new industry in Germany in the utilization of the young leaves of the strawberry plant as a beverage. Having been carefully dried, they are used instead of Chinese tea, which they closely approach in taste.

SOME experiments made at the Royal Polytechnic School at Munich show, curiously enough, that the strength of a camel's hair binding reaches 6,315 pounds per square inch, while that of ordinary beltings ranges between 2,300 and 3,500 pounds per square inch, and the camel's hair belt is also unaffected by acids.

NINE-TENTHS of the dolls sold in this country are said to come from Germany, and the principal seat of manufacture there is Sonneberg, in Thuringen, a town of about 10,000 inhabitants. Doll-making is almost the entire industry of the place. It is not remunerative, as the people are very poor, owing to the low wages paid.

An electric motor is in successful operation for wood-sawing in Leavenworth, Mo. It is a six-horse power and with a twenty-six-inch saw, which was driven at a velocity of 1,450 revolutions per minute. The proprietor claims that he can do more work than with a ten-horse power steam engine.

SINAIOS or wash leather, properly chamotte leather, is so called because originally and when of the best quality it was made from the chamotte or wild goat inhabiting the Alps and Pyrenees. It is now made chiefly from the skin of deer, goats and sheep. It is essentially distinguished from other kinds of leather in being dressed in oil without salt, alum, or tan, and in the grain being taken off. The skins are brought to a state of pelt by liming and washing. The buff color is imparted by dipping into gamboge, not to tan, but to dye them.

TOLD OF THE TITLED.

PRINCE LOUIS FERDINAND, of Bavaria, is an enthusiastic veterinary surgeon.

QUEEN NATALIE, of Serbia, has had her life insured for \$200,000 for the benefit of her son.

KING HUMBERT's melancholia is thought by his physicians to have resulted from the excessive use of cigarettes.

When traveling, Emperor William, of Germany, carries a box filled with the decorations of the various orders, to bestow according to his philosophic fancy.

The German Emperor will give no more jewelry to those whom he wishes to honor, but photographs of himself, with his autograph, framed in silver or gold.

The Duke of Plomburg, besides being a clever violin player, is an enthusiastic postage-stamp collector. All the members of the royal family have certain hobbies.

PRINCE CHARLES, of Sweden and Norway, was recently summoned to a court in Stockholm to serve as jurymen in a criminal case, but the judge decided that on account of family connections he was ineligible.

The Emperor of Japan wants to ride extensively. Therefore he has ordered that a state coach be constructed and has laid aside \$175,000 for that purpose. Of course the ornamentation is responsible for most of this sum.

LORD AMHERST created a great deal of excitement in London recently by driving up to the door of his club in a milk wagon. He had been unable to obtain a carriage, and rather than walk he had chartered that modest vehicle.

CROWN PRINCESS VICTORIA, of Sweden, consort to the heir apparent, is affected with what the royal physicians describe as an almost incurable catarrh. There has been a general impression in Stockholm that she has pulmonary consumption.

Nobody will be apt to accuse the King of the Belgians of lack of gallantry. He traveled from London to Baltimore and back—1,200 miles—last week for the express purpose of presenting personally to the Queen a beautiful bouquet measuring a yard across.

EMPEROR WILLIAM is determined to break up the etiquette of osculation which compels sovereigns and their relatives to kiss each other, as a tribute of affection and honor, when they meet. He refuses to comply with the custom, intending to set an example for the imitation of others.

WHEN, in accordance with the pretty English custom, the charming Duchess of Portland was offered by her husband a superb ring of rare stones on the occasion of the birth of her little daughter, she declined the gift, and asked to have its money value given to build new almshouses on the estate for the benefit of sick or infirm tenants.

The Duke of Fife continues to sell off his agricultural property and manors in Scotland in a way which indicates that he is pressed for cash. He has just parted with the fine estate of Rothiemay, which has on it one of the most interesting old mansions in Scotland, where Mary Queen of Scots was lodged during her progress through the northern counties in 1562.

TRANSPIRING EVENTS.

A WIG at East Bradford, Pa., built a nest in a garment that had been hung out to dry.

A DIVER who was working at the foundation of a railroad bridge near Boise City, Idaho, gave a signal to be hoisted quickly. When he got to the surface he held fast a sixty-five-pound salmon that he had caught by the gills.

WHILE a Buffalo family was moving the mother suddenly missed the baby. The infant could be heard crying, and the mother found the weeping child inside of a roll of carpet. The babe had been left in the middle of the sitting-room floor, and the men who took up the carpet tossed a breadth over her without observing her, rolled her up in it and stood the carpet up in the hall.

A MONSTROUS chunk of ore was taken from the Mountain Consolidated Mine at Butte City, Mont., a few days ago. It was too large to put on a two-horse wagon and a four-horse team was used. The ore is estimated to weigh nearly four tons, and is nearly solid copper and silver. It has been found with hoops of iron and boxed up, preparatory to shipment, probably to Europe.

A bee that has been helping himself for three years to honey from an apiary at Wewahatcha, Fla., was killed recently. The buzzing of the bees and the sweetness of his report so occupied brain's attention that he did not notice the approach of his slayers until too late to escape. He was quite fat, and, no doubt, for always in breaking into the apiary he sneaked honey over his head and face to avoid being stung.

TWO YEARS ago three hundred whales were driven ashore on the estate of a Mr. Bruce at Sumburgh, in the north of Scotland, and they were killed and sold. Mr. Bruce at once demanded that a third of the price of the whales (\$400) should be paid to him, in accordance with an ancient custom, by which the "laird" of this property was entitled to claim "thirds" of all salvage. The sheriff opposed the claim on the ground that Mr. Bruce had taken no part in the capturing of the whales, and the court of session has upheld the sheriff.

A stroke of lightning recently produced remarkable effects on a large popular Playford, Eng. The topmost branches were not injured, but the bark was completely stripped from the trunk, and the southern half of the body, which was two and one-half feet in diameter at the base and ten inches at the top, was shattered into fragments and scattered over an area of two acres. One solid piece weighing five and one-half pounds was carried one hundred and twenty-six yards from the base, while bits of less than half an ounce were blown sixty yards against the wind. One half of the trunk was left standing as a whitened stem forty feet high. The thunder-clap was terrific, the concussion breaking windows in a dwelling four hundred yards away.

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